THE DRAGONET PROPHECY REREAD | Chapters 12-13 | Oncilla

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Hello and welcome to this week's *The Dragonet Prophecy* reread! This week's chapters are pretty short, but very dramatic, with our second dead guardian, more Queen Scarlet, and the dragonets' escape plan going very wrong.

This reread may contain SPOILERS for any and all Wings of Fire books. If you have not finished the series, read ahead at your own peril.

SUMMARY
Chapter 12: Clay and Tsunami attempt to get into the caves, speculating that the boulder-door is magic (our first mention of animus dragons!) before finding the purely-mechanical lever that opens it. They happily reunite with the other dragonets--Starflight attempts to bring ALL THE SCROLLS, which I'm sure many of us bookworm-people can relate to--and then Queen Scarlet shows up.

Chapter 13: Scarlet is annoyed that nobody recognises her still, except Starflight. Making the cave brighter by burning all the scrolls (nooo the scrolls!), she realizes that Starflight is a NightWing and is delighted about this. Clay, meanwhile, is trying to position himself to protect his friends. Webs and Dune attempt to fight Scarlet's guards; Kestrel offers to come quietly if Scarlet will let the others go, but Scarlet rejects the offer and kills Dune. Webs disappears into the river as Scarlet and her soldiers drag everyone else away....

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
"But what if it's my destiny to play with them? Oh wait, that's right. I don't care about destiny. I don't care about prophecies or any of that NightWing silliness. Besides, they made me awfully mad and then ran away. That happens to me far too often, but you know what? I always find the ones who betray me in the end. Even if I have to wait seven years. Right, Kestrel?"

SCARLETTTT

Uh, I mean, nice little monologue here from Scarlet. Too bad this got cut down to one line in the graphic novel.

THE DRAGONETS
Clay is trying very hard to protect his friends with very little success.

"In his relief, [Clay] twined his tail around [Glory's] without thinking. She tensed, but didn't pull away immediately like she normally would."

Nice insight into Glory's character.

WORLDBUILDING
I kinda wonder how that boulder-door works.

BIOLOGY AND CULTURE
Animus dragons!

Talking about Starry's lack of powers....

For the “Wait, are they quadrupeds or not?” debate: “Tsunami reared up on her back legs and began running her talons along the walls.”

Body Language:
“A shiver ran along Clay’s tail at how strange it looked from the outside.”

“[Glory] nudged him with her elegant snout.”

CULTURAL BIASES
Nothing for this section this week.

DRAGONSPEAK
It seems here like the proper term is not “animus” but “animus dragon.” Probably just early-installment weirdness; the word “dragon” is used in this book a great deal more than in later books.

We’re 13 chapters in and nobody’s said “Three moons” yet???

DIFFERENCES WITH LATER BOOKS
Uh...basically everything I said in the Dragonspeak section.

COMMENTARY
Scarlet is a lot better at fighting than I ever realized. I mean, I technically knew she’d killed fourteen challengers plus her mother, but I guess the implications of that never really sunk in? I guess vain people, in my head, aren’t good at fighting ever. #WeirdBiases

Hey look, one of the guardians did something right. My opinion of those three has just been steadily plummeting throughout this reread….

I still need annotations help if anyone’s willing to do that--this week and last week both.

See y’all next week, when we begin PART 2.

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No hate on anyone but I literally cannot fathom the bipedal argument lol. I basically just see it as a dragon standing up on their hind legs with their front talons against something, in this case a wall, and the other idea I

had is that their wings can probably shift around to function as makeshift forelegs (if that makes any sense.) Oh, and I'll look to see if I can do the annotations.

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Sorry that the formatting is a bit wonky. Tell me if I did something wrong!

Chapter 12

The only thing Clay remembered about the lesson on magic and animus dragons was that they had power over objects.
Tui: Writing this scene was the first time I came up with the idea for animus dragons. I wasn't sure if I was really going to use them, or if they would remain ancient and legendary, maybe with a few magic talismans left behind. But I really liked the idea of this specific kind of magic - they can only enchant objects, and so they have to be sort of creative about what they want those objects to do. And then I started thinking about all the possibilities...and in the end animus dragons (both legendary and current) turned out to be not just fun to write about, but also really pivotal to the whole series.

Even if Tsunami was right that Webs and Dune couldn't stop them, he didn't want to stick around and find out.
Tui: Nor does he really want to fight the dragons who've been their surrogate parents all these years, even if they weren't particularly good ones.

[Glory] tensed, but she didn't pull away immediately like she normally would. Instead she nudged him with her elegant snout. "Of course I am," she said. "I would have been fine on my own, you know."
Tui: Glory: doesn't like to be touched, not big on asking for help. But she loves her friends, even if she might not say it out loud very often.

Then he realized that Starflight was moving oddly because he was carrying a giant sack of scrolls on his back.
Tui: Ha ha ha! Trust Starflight to try and take a library along on a daring escape.

"They'll tell us what's safe to eat and all the different tribal customs and how to fly in bad weather and-"
Tui: Here Starflight is being exactly like me again - "I must have all the books ever in case I need them!" When we're nervous, we both look for answers in a book. But poor Starflight, there aren't any scrolls about what's about to happen to you...

But none of [the guards] looked as angry as the queen of the SkyWings.
Tui: RUH-ROH.

Chapter 13

My idea, *Clay thought, horrified.* This is my fault. I brought the SkyWings down on us.
Tui: Aww! Clay's one good idea!

"I am only *the most important dragon for* hundreds of miles. *How* dare *you not recognize me?"*
Tui: In Scarlet's character profile, the word written in big letters at the top is "VAIN." Which is partly because

when I was brainstorming characters for this series, I asked my husband, "What would be a sort of unusual characteristic for a villain?" and "vain" is what he came up with...which got me thinking about Scarlet, and how obsessed she is with herself, which then made it easy to figure out the rest of her character.

Clay edged sideways, trying to shield [Starflight] and Sunny and Glory all at once.
Tui: You'll notice he's aware that Tsunami can take care of herself. (Actually, Sunny and Glory aren't bad in a fight, either!)

He would never, never have guessed that Kestrel would give herself up to save them.
Tui: One of the key points of this scene is to show that, although they were terrible guardians in most ways, Kestrel, Webs, and Dune would still fight to the death to protect the dragonets. (All of them except Glory, anyhow.)

"Tell the Talons," [Kestrel] snarled, shoving Webs toward the river.
Tui: This seems like a pretty smart idea, actually...until you read the prologue for book two.

He guessed it might be Morrowseer, but he wasn't surprised that the NightWing made no effort to rescue them.
Tui: Yup, that's who it is...so at least he knows where they're going, even if he's just going to unhelpfully observe from a distance.

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Man, if only animus dragons had actually *kept* those limitations....

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*claps enthusiastically *

Do you think you'll do The Lost Heir when you finish TDP?

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~Fairydragon~
She/Her

We *will* never *be forgotten*
for we've all played our parts
and if the memories are erased
they'll still be in our hearts

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Yeah, that's the plan.

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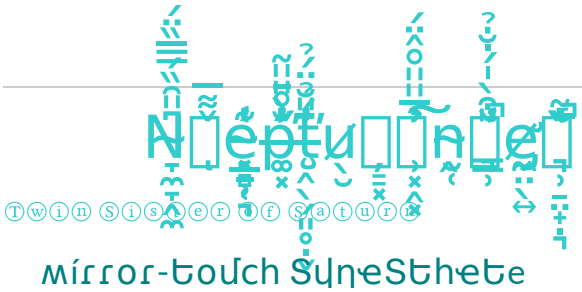
writes "Three Moons!" In chapter 14 with a black Sharpie



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I don't understand how you're able to actually analyze chapters
Your brain is so much cooler than mine
****grabs your head* LET'S TRY AND SWAP***

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